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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Aaron L Enatsky. (3) _____.
 (2) Brooke W. Quist. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 22 January 2003.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,22,42,43,63,64 and 84.

Identification of prior art discussed: US Pat. No. 5,376,946 to Mikan, US Pat. No. 6,135,884 to Hedrick et al., US Pat. No. 6,201,532 to Tode et al..

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

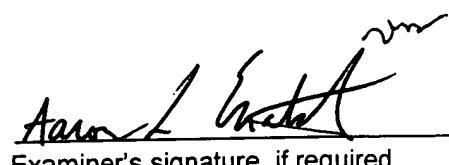
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Topics for discussion were regarding Examiner's combination of Hedrick et al. in view of Mikan and Applicant's requirement for a substantially transparent touch screen. In regard to the combination of references, Applicant holds that the present claimed invention cannot be taught by Examiner's combination. Applicant discussed how mechanical slot and video slot displays are not art recognized equivalents and further discussed how Mikan only applies to video monitors. Examiner argues that Hedrick disclosure "Main display 220 may be a mechanical display such as a spinning reel display or a video display such as a CRT. Example of games... include video slot game, ... spinning reel slot games, etc." (5:45-50) teaches mechanical slot machines and video slot display are art recognized equivalents as stated in the Final Rejection. Examiner's stance on Mikan's applicability to the mechanical game embodiment is that Mikan teaches a touch screen that captures screen relative coordinates and sends the coordinates formatted for a computer input expecting coordinate data. In the case of Examiner's combination, a slot machine, controlled by a processor, currently takes electrical input data from existing buttons. The input signals created by actuation of the buttons are replaced with an adaptable touch screen. The relative coordinates captured by the touch screen are formatted to represent the actuation signals previously generated by the buttons. The touch screen would then perform the same actions whether in connection to a video or mechanical device. Thus, Examiner's position is the combination is valid for one of ordinary skill in the art. In the same vein, Applicant's argues that Examiner's combination lacks the teaching an apparatus with a hybridization of a mechanical machine with a touch screen overlay and another apparatus that is a mechanical machine with an interchangeable touch screen overlay. Examiner counters that the combination teaches the features of the interchangeable touch screen overlay, which also teaches the hybridization of a mechanical machine with a touch screen. In regard to the requirement for a substantially transparent touch screen, Applicant argues that Examiner's references do not teach substantial transparency. Examiner argues that by nature, Mikan teaches substantial transparency. Mikan teaches that the touch screen is mounted in front of the display, which means that the visual objects behind the touch screen need to be seen. If the mounted touch screen was not transparent then the device would become unusable as a user would be unable to distinguish selections..